

Emerillon language

Emerillon (alternate names **Emerilon**, **Emerion**, **Mereo**, **Melejo**, **Mereyo**, **Teco**) is a Tupi–Guarani language spoken in French Guiana on the rivers Camopi and Tampok. The Emerillon people refer to their language as **Teke** and it is mutually intelligible to Wayampi a language indigenous to French Guiana and Brazil.^[3]

Emerillon is only used along the French Guiana borders with Surinam and Brazil. There are only four hundred Emerillon speakers in the world. Although there are a limited number of speakers, Emerillon is still taught as a first language to children.^[3] Its name derives from *mereñõ*, a name given to members of the Emerillon tribe. They often refer to themselves as the Teko people which translates to "human being" in Wayãpi.^[4]

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Emerillon	
Region	French Guiana
Ethnicity	Emerillon people
Native speakers	400 (2001) ^[1]
Language family	Tupian - Tupi–Guaraní - Wayampí Emerillon
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	eme
Glottolog	emer1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/lan guoid/id/emer1243) Teko ^[2]

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